

JAIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
APRIL 18, 2017

**Members present:** Joel Tjelmeland (chairman), Catie Sheehan (vice chairman), Tony DelGiorno, Tim Krell, George Preckwinkle, Rose Ruzic & Linda Douglas-Williams.

**Members absent:** Annette Fulgenzi & Tom Madonia

**Others present:** Sheriff Wes Barr, Chief Joe Roesch, Superintendent Larry Beck, Coroner Cinda Edwards, Tim Eggleston & Mary Carter (secretary)

Chairman Tjelmeland called the meeting to order at 1200p.

Tjelmeland requested a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2017 Jail Committee meeting. Motion was made by DelGiorno & seconded by Ruzic. Motion carried (7-0).

**REPORTS:**

Superintendent Beck reported the jail count is 337. Overtime is below average right now. Overtime is due to vacations & vacancies. For the correctional officer openings, 61 applicants, 49 good (appropriate paperwork), 37 showed up for the physical agility test. April 29<sup>th</sup> is the written test. All 37 applicants passed the physical test. PTI training is going on right now. There are 42 cadets. Visits are going well. We will be increasing the visits by 1 per week. DelGiorno asked Supt Beck, what the breakdown was for the applicants as far as gender & race. Of the 37, Beck says there are 8 or 9 female & 6 African American applicants.

Sheriff Barr had nothing specific to report today. Krell asked about the weekend's incident at the Illinois Building at the Fairgrounds. Chief Roesch said he would talk about that in his report. Roesch reported that a joint investigation with the Coroner's office led to the arrest of Eric Cutler for 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder and aggravated battery of a child. The baby was 2 months old. The Detective division & the Coroner's office did a great job and Cutler was arrested within a day. The baby had fractured ribs & pelvis. The pathologist reported to us that this was the worst case of child abuse that he has ever seen. Edwards said at the scene, the baby did not look like he had injuries until the autopsy was performed.

Chief Roesch reported they initially got a call that 4 people had been stabbed at a party at the Illinois Building early Easter morning. When they arrived at the scene, there were 50 shell casings found. The building had been hit but no one was shot. When they arrived, people were leaving the scene and no one was being cooperative. We didn't know anything about the incident until people started showing up at the hospital in the ER. Sheriff Barr said that the detective division is following up every lead that they can.

Coroner Edwards reported that drugs are flowing. Carfentanil is in Springfield. There have been 18 opiate overdoses so far this year. Edwards & Sheriff Barr attended an Opiate Summit at the US Attorney's Office last week. There was quite an array of people there. The head of Gateway was there. There was an addict there that is 5 years sober from heroin. All the heroin in the US comes from Mexico and all the heroin in Springfield comes from Chicago. Edwards just got a report on a guy that had street Xanax in his system which is much more potent and it was cut and had fentanyl in it. Edwards when she has a case, she has them do an expanded panel tox screening and if there is an unusual drug spike, there is further testing done. She does this because we need to know what drugs are going around Springfield.

Coroner Edwards reminded the committee that carfentanil is for large animals to be sedated, like an elephant. It is not for humans. It is too strong for narcan. Sheehan asked if they should do a media outreach about the drugs in Springfield that have been found. Chief Roesch said he will send something out to them.

**New Business:**

Tim Eggleston presented the following:

- MJ Kellner approval \$21,655.74 Chairman Tjelmeland asked for a motion to approve MJ Kellner. *Preckwinkle made a motion to approve & Douglas-Williams seconded. Motion carried (7-0).*
- Pre-Travel request for Superintendent Larry Beck to attend the ISA Jail Administrator's Conference in East Peoria, IL, from April 26-28 at a total cost of \$350.
- Pre-Travel request for Deputy Drew Dickason to attend Patrol K9 Handler Training in Columbia, IL, from June 7-11 at a total cost of \$555.
- Pre Travel request for Deputy Andrea Cline to attend Patrol K9 Handler Training in Columbia, IL, from June 7-11 at a total cost of \$555. *DelGiorno made a motion to consolidate all three travel requests and approve them, Sheehan seconded. Motion carried (7-0)*
- Request Approval to hire five (5) Correctional Officers at annual salaries of \$34,891. Effective dates are all TBD. All have/or will satisfy the 30 day lag. *Ruzic made a motion to approve and Sheehan seconded. Motion carried (7-0) Douglas Williams wanted to know it is normal for these hires to be approved before a date is determined. Sheriff said that it is and all have been gone for more than 30 days.*
- Request Approval to hire a Records Clerk at an annual salary of \$25,986 effective 5/7/17. *DelGiorno made a motion to approve and Douglas-Williams seconded. Motion carried (7-0)*
- Approve the disposal of 8 CF-31 Toughbooks to be donated to Macoupin County with no estimated value (will be used for backups and parts) *DelGiorno made a motion to approve and Preckwinkle seconded. Motion carried (7-0) Macoupin County still uses this system. Sangamon County does not—we have new Toughbooks.*

**Old Business:** Eggleston wanted to bring to the committee's attention that we are making a large payment to IC Solutions for the phone system. We wanted to wait until the system was working to our satisfaction before we made the 1<sup>st</sup> payment of 160k. We've accumulated enough money since August to pay this first payment. In another year, we should have the other 160k paid off. 43k was spend on the phones last month & 10k has been spent on commissary which is higher than normal.

Chairman Tjelmeland requested a motion to approve the requisitions for the Sheriff & Coroner. Douglas-Williams made a motion to approve and Sheehan seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Ruzic made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Douglas-Williams. Motion carried (7-0) and the meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.